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VERDE ISLANDS

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1. FOLLOWING IS PAIGC LEADER ABILIO DUARTE'S STATEMENT
ON MILITARY BASES IN CAPE VERDES IN ITS ENTIRETY AS REPORTED
IN SENEGALESE DAILY LE SOLEIL:

QUOTE. IF WE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO PORTUGAL PERMITTING
NATO TO INSTALL A MILITARY BASE IN THE ISLANDS, IT IS
BECAUSE WE ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SECURITY OF THIS AFRICAN
REGION. WE HAVE NOT FOUGHT FOR TEN YEARS, ARMS IN HAND, ONLY
TO ACCEPT THAT OUR NATIONAL TERRITORY MIGHT BE TRANSFORMED
INTO A POWDERKEG. OF COURSE CERTAIN ISLANDERS ONLY SEE IN
THE EXISTENCE OF MILITARY BASES A FINANCIAL OPERATION:
FACILITIES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GOODS, DEVELOPMENT OF NARCOTICS
TRAFFIC AND PROSTITUTION. FOR OUR PART, WE IN THE PAIGC, OUR
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POSITION IS VERY CLEAR: NO MILITARY BASES ON OUR SOIL (CHEZ

NOUS), OF WHATEVER NATURE THEY MAY BE. END QUOTE.

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